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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCURING
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LETTER REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231:

May 23, 2001

Sir:

We are in receipt of an Office Action in Application No. 08/900,360. The action was an Examiner's answer and the first page of the Examiner's Answer has a mailing date of May 4, 2001.

The coversheet of the Examiner's Answer has a mailing date of May 7, 2001. A copy of the first page of the Examiner's Answer and the cover sheet are enclosed.

The date the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailed this Office Action is not clear.

It is requested that the Patent Office re-mail the Examiner's Answer and the cover sheet with the same date and restart the period for response from the re-mailing date.

CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Elliot A. Goldberg (Reg. No. 33,347) at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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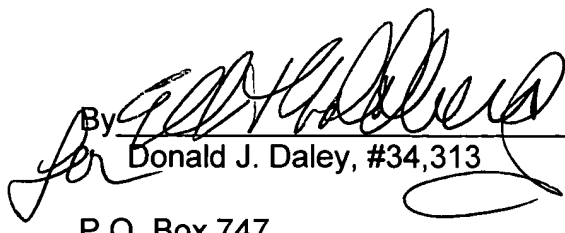
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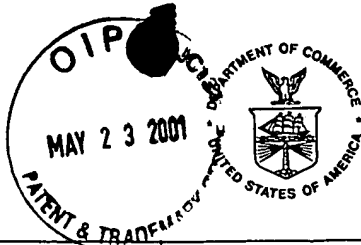
EXAMINER'S ANSWER

This is in response to appellant's brief on appeal filed March 12, 2001.

(1) *Real Party in Interest*

A statement identifying the real party in interest is contained in the brief.

(2) *Related Appeals and Interferences*



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